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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT: POSSIBLE INDIAN
RESOLUTIONS ON NUCLEAR TEST MORATORIUM AND NON-USE OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS

REF: STATE 162758

1. I CALLED ON FONSEC MEHTA JUNE 27 AND AS INSTRUCTED
REFTEL REQUESTED THAT GOI INSTRUCT IS SSOD DELEGATION
NOT TO PRESS TO A VOTE THE RESOLUTIONS ON NUCLEAR TEST
MORATORIUM AND NON-USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. FONSEC SAID
RESOLUTIONS WOULD NOT BE PRESSED TO VOTE IF BROAD CONSENSUS
WAS REACHED ON DECLARATION DURING JUNE 27 SESSION. HE
SAID PRIME MINISTER DESAI WAS MOST ANXIOUS THAT SPECIAL SESSION
ON DISARMAMENT NOT "END WITH A DAMP SQUIB" AND INDIANS
HAD INTRODUCED TWO RESOLUTIONS WITH A VIEW TO
HIGHLIGHTING IMPORTANCE GOI ATTACHES TO BAN ON NUCLEAR
TESTING AND EVENTUAL ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
ACCORDING TO MEHTA GOI HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT SUBSTANCE OF
RESOLUTIONS COULD BE USEFULLY DISCUSSED SUBSEQUENTLY
IN DELIBERATIVE COMMISSION BUT CHAIRMAN'S RULING TO
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CUT OFF INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS HAD PROMPTED
INDIANS TO MOVE NOW. MEHTA THOUGHT DISCUSSION OF
RESOLUTIONS COULD STILL BE PUSHED OVER INTO DELIBERATIVE
COMMISSION, ASSUMING CONSENSUS ON DECLARATION ARRIVED AT AN SSOD.

2. WHEN I CONTACTED BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER UPON
RECEIPT OF REFTEL, HE TOLD ME HE HAD ALREADY MADE DEMARCHE

TO FONSEC ON AFTERNOON JUNE 26. AS I DID, HE STRESSED
PROBLEM WE HAVE WITH)-(35 ,9,-USE RESOLUTIONS AND
ARGUED THAT VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS RAN COUNTER TO CONSENSUS
PRINCIPLE. HE DID NOT, AS I DID, POINT OUT UNHELPFUL
EFFECTS OF MORATORIUM RESOLUTION ON CURRENT EFFORTS TO
NEGOTIATE A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN. HE DID, HOWEVER,
EXPRESS HIS UNHAPPINESS OVER GOI UNWILLINGNESS TO ADDRESS
TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS IN DECLARATION, DRAWING
MEHTA'S ATTENTION TO PM'S JUNE 9 SSOD SPEECH IN WHICH HE
SAID "WE SHOULD THIS VERY YEAR BEGIN EFFORTS TO WORK OUT
AN AGREEMENT ON DISARMAMENT AND DRASTIC REDUCTION OF
ARMED STRENGTH IN THE CONVETNIONAL FIELD."
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